

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-28 remain pending in the present application, claim 1 having been cancelled in the present amendments without prejudice to reassert that claim in further continuing application(s). Claims 2-28 were indicated in the March 22, 2004 Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 7, 12 and 17, which were formerly dependent upon cancelled claim 1, have each been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claim 1. The other pending claims remain dependent, either directly or indirectly, upon one of independent claims 2, 7, 12 and 17. Applicant therefore submits that the objection as to claims 2-28 has been overcome.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant submits that claims 2-28 are in condition for allowance, having already been determined to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8123 if any unresolved matters remain.

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